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Dated: August 10, 2012.

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### Extension:

Rule 17f-2(a), SEC File No. 270-34, OMB Control No. 3235-0034.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information for Rule 17f-2(a) (17 CFR 240.17-2(a)), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 17f-2(a) (Fingerprinting Requirements for Securities Professionals) requires that securities professionals be fingerprinted. This requirement serves to identify security-risk personnel, to allow an employer to make fully informed employment decisions, and to deter possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Partners, directors, officers, and employees of exchanges, brokers, dealers, transfer agents, and clearing agencies are included.

The Commission staff estimates that approximately 10,000 respondents will submit fingerprint cards each year. It also estimates that each respondent will submit 55 fingerprint cards per year. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with Rule 17f-2(a) by completing a fingerprint card is one-half hour. Thus, the total estimated annual burden is 275,000 hours for all respondents (550,000 times one-half hour). The average estimated internal labor cost of compliance per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total estimated annual internal labor cost of compliance for all respondents is \$13,750,000 (275,000 times \$50).

Fingerprint cards submitted under Rule 17f-2(a) must be retained for a period of not less than three years after termination of the person's employment relationship with the organization. Submitting fingerprint cards for all securities personnel is mandatory to obtain the benefit of identifying security-risk personnel, allowing an employer to make fully informed employment decisions and deterring possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Fingerprint cards submitted according to Rule 17f-2(a) will not be kept confidential.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Background documentation for this information collection may be viewed at the following Web site: [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an email to: [Shagufta\\_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 7982]

#### Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Presidential Permit Application

In response to requests, the Department of State is extending the public comment period for the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Presidential Permit application. The Department of State had originally set the end of the comment period at August 9, 2012. The Department has decided, in response to the requests

noted above, to extend the comment period until September 10, 2012. Interested parties may submit written comments via email to [NITCComments@state.gov](mailto:NITCComments@state.gov).

The original notice of receipt of the Presidential Permit application was published by the Department of State in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. [Public Notice 7951]. The Presidential permit application can be viewed online at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Change in Hearing Date and Related Deadlines for the Country Practice Petitions Accepted as Part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of change to the hearing date and related deadlines.

**SUMMARY:** The hearing date previously announced in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 41209) for the country practice petitions accepted as part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review and the related deadlines for submissions of pre-hearing briefs, requests to appear, and post-hearing briefs are being changed to those noted below.

**DATES:** September 18, 2012: Deadline for submission of pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the October 2, 2012 public hearing; submissions must be received by 5 p.m.

October 2, 2012: The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing on the country practice petitions at 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

October 23, 2012: Deadline for submission of post-hearing briefs, which must be received by 5 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 12, 2012, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 41209) announcing, *inter alia*, that the hearing for the country practice petitions accepted as part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review was scheduled for September 27, 2012. The country